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- Being in possession of the town, they had their *handful* to defend themselves from firing. *Raleigh's Apology.*
- He could not, with such a *handful* of men, and without cannon, propose reasonably to fight a battle. *Clarendon.*
- HAND-GALLOP.** *n. f.* A slow easy gallop, in which the hand presses the bridle to hinder increase of speed.
- Ovid, with all his sweetness, has as little variety of numbers and found as he: he is always upon a *hand-gallop*, and his verse runs upon carpet ground. *Dryden.*
- HAND-GUN.** *n. f.* A gun wielded by the hand.
- They have names given them, some from serpents or ravenous birds, as culverines or colubines; others in other respects, as cannons, demicannons, *handguns* and muskets. *Camd.*
- HANDICRAFT.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *craft*.] Manual occupation; work performed by the hand.
- The nurseries for children of ordinary gentlemen and *handicrafts* are managed after the same manner. *Gulliver's Trav.*
- The cov'nants thou shalt teach by candle-light,
- When puffing smiths, and every painful trade
- Of *handicrafts*, in peaceful beds are laid. *Dryden's Juvenal.*
- Particular members of convents have excellent mechanical genius, and divert themselves with painting, sculpture, architecture, gardening, and several kinds of *handicrafts*. *Addison.*
- HANDICRAFTSMAN.** *n. f.* [*handicraft* and *man*.] A manufacturer; one employed in manual occupation.
- O miserable age! virtue is not regarded in *handicraftsmen*.
- Shakespeare's Henry VI. p. ii.*
- He has simply the best wit of any *handicraftsman* in Athens.
- Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.*
- The principal bulk of the vulgar natives are tillers of the ground, free servants, and *handicraftsmen*; as smiths, mafons and carpenters. *Bacon, Essay 30.*
- The profaneness and ignorance of *handicraftsmen*, small traders, servants, and the like, are to a degree very hard to be imagined greater. *Swift.*
- It is the landed man that maintains the merchant and shop-keeper, and *handicraftsmen*. *Swift.*
- HANDILY.** *adv.* [*from handy*.] With skill; with dexterity.
- HANDINESS.** *n. f.* [*from handy*.] Readiness; dexterity.
- HANDWORK.** *n. f.* [*handy* and *work*.] Work of the hand; product of labour; manufacture.
- In general they are not repugnant unto the natural will of God, which willeth to the works of his own hands, in that they are his own *handwork*, all happiness; although perhaps, for some special cause in our own particular, a contrary determination have seemed more convenient. *Hooker, b. v.*
- As proper men as ever trod upon neat-leather have gone upon my *handwork*. *Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.*
- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his *handwork*. *Pf. xix. 1.*
- He parted with the greatest blessing of human nature for the *handwork* of a taylor. *L'Estrange.*
- HANDKERCHIEF.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *kerchief*.] A piece of silk or linen used to wipe the face, or cover the neck.
- She found her sitting in a chair, in one hand holding a letter, in the other her *handkerchief*, which had lately drunk up the tears of her eyes. *Sidney, b. ii.*
- He was torn to pieces with a bear: this avouches the shepherd's son, who has not only his innocence, but a *handkerchief* and rings of his, that Paulina knows. *Shak. Winter's Tale.*
- They did not make use of *handkerchiefs*, but of the lacinia or border of the garment, to wipe their face. *Arbutnot.*
- To **HANDLE.** *v. a.* [*handelen*, Dutch, *from hand*.]
1. To touch; to feel with the hand.
- The bodies which we daily *handle* make us perceive, that whilst they remain between them, they hinder the approach of the parts of our hands that press them. *Locke.*
2. To manage; to wield.
- That fellow *handles* his bow like a cowkeeper. *Shakespeare.*
3. To make familiar to the hand by frequent touching.
- An incurable shyness is the general vice of the Irish horses, and is hardly ever seen in Flanders, because the hardness of the Winters forces the breeders there to house and *handle* their colts six months every year. *Temple.*
4. To treat in discourse.
- He left nothing fitting for the purpose
- Untouch'd, or slightly *handled* in discourse. *Shakel. R. III.*
- I tell thee, I am mad
- In Cressid's love: thou answer'st, she is fair;
- Pour'st in the open ulcer of my heart
- Her eyes, her hair, her cheek, her gait, her voice,
- Thou *handlest* in thy discourse. *Shakel. Troilus and Cressida.*
- Leaving to the author the exact *handling* of every particular, and labouring to follow the rules of abridgment. *2 Mac.*
- Of a number of other like instances we shall speak more, when we *handle* the communication of founts. *Bacon.*
- By Guidus Ubaldis, in his treatise, for the explanation of this instrument, the subtleties of it are largely and excellently *handled*.
- In an argument, *handled* thus briefly, every thing cannot be said. *Atterbury's Sermons, Preface.*
5. To deal with; to practise.

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- They that *handle* the law know me not. *Jer. ii. 8.*
6. To treat well or ill.
- Talbot, my life, my joy, again return'd!
- How wert thou *handled*, being prisoner? *Shak. Henry VI.*
- They were well enough pleased to be rid of an enemy that had *handled* them so ill. *Clarendon, b. viii.*
7. To practise upon; to do with.
- Pray you, my lord, give me leave to question; you shall see how I'll *handle* her. *Shakel. Measure for Measure.*
- HANDLE.** *n. f.* [*handle*, Saxon.]
1. That part of any thing by which it is held in the hand.
- No hand of blood and bone
- Can gripe the sacred *handle* of our sceptre,
- Unless he do prophane, steal, or usurp. *Shakel. Rich. II.*
- Fortune turneth the *handle* of the bottle, which is easy to be taken hold of; and after the belly, which is hard to grasp. *Bacon's Ornam. Ration.*
- There is nothing but hath a double *handle*, or at least we have two hands to apprehend it. *Taylor's Rule of Living.*
- A carpenter, that had got the iron work of an ax, begged only too much wood as would make a *handle* to it. *L'Estrange.*
- Yet no ill taste from thence affects the blade,
- Or what I carve; nor is there ever left
- Any unfavoury haut-gout from the haft. *Dryden's Juvenal.*
- A beam there was, on which a beechen pail
- Hung by the *handle* on a driven nail. *Dryden's Fables.*
2. That of which use is made.
- They overturned him in all his interests by the sure but fatal *handle* of his own good nature. *South's Sermon.*
- HANDLELESS.** *adj.* [*hand* and *less*.] Without a hand.
- Speak, my Lavinia, what accursed hand
- Hath made thee *handleless*? *Shakel. Titus Andronicus.*
- His mangled Myrmidons,
- Notefless, *handleless*, hackt and clipt, come to him,
- Crying on Hector. *Shakel. Troilus and Cressida.*
- HANDMAID.** *n. f.* A maid that waits at hand.
- Brave Burgundy, undoubted hope of France!
- Stay, let thy humble *handmaid* speak to thee. *Sh. Hen. VI.*
- She gave the knight great thanks in little speech,
- And said she would his *handmaid* poor remain. *Fairfax.*
- I will never set politics against ethics, especially for that true ethics are but as a *handmaid* to divinity and religion. *Ecc.*
- Heav'n's youngest teamed star
- Hath fix'd her polish'd ear,
- Her sleeping Lord with *handmaid* lamp attending. *Milton.*
- Love led them on; and faith, who knew them best
- Thy *handmaids*, clad them o'er with purple beams
- And azure wings, that up they flew to drift,
- And speak the truth of thee on glorious themes
- Before the judge. *Milton.*
- I hope of my family their master slight,
- Grown despicable in my *handmaid's* sight.
- By viewing nature, nature's *handmaid*, art,
- Makes mighty things from small beginnings great;
- Thus fishes first to shipping did impart,
- Their tail the rudder, and their head the prow. *Dryden.*
- Since he had placed his heart up wisdom, health, wealth,
- Victory and honour should always wait on her as her *handmaids*. *Addison's Guardian.*
- The great master will descend to hear
- The humble series of his *handmaid's* care. *Prior.*
- Then criticism the muse's *handmaid* prov'd,
- To dress her charms and make her more belov'd. *Pope.*
- HANDMILL.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *mill*.] A mill moved by the hand.
- Of the drudging ass is driv'n with toil;
- Returning late, and laden home with gain
- Of barter'd pitch, and *handmills* for the grain. *Dryd. Virg.*
- HANDS OFF.** A vulgar phrase for keep off; forbear.
- They cut a stag into parts; but as they were entering upon the dividend, *hands off*, says the lion. *L'Estrange's Fables.*
- HANDSAILS.** *n. f.* Sails managed by the hand.
- The seamen will neither stand to their *handsails*, nor suffer the pilot to steer. *Temple.*
- HANDSAW.** *n. f.* Saw manageable by the hand.
- My buckler cut through and through, and my sword hack'd like a *handsaw*. *Shakel. Henry IV. p. i.*
- To perform this work it is necessary to be provided with a strong knife and a small *handsaw*. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- HANDSEL.** *n. f.* [*hanfel*, a first gift, Dutch.] The first act of using any thing; the first act of sale.
- The apostles term it the pledge of our inheritance, and the *hanfel* or earnest of that which is to come. *Hooker.*
- Thou art joy's *handfel*; heav'n lies flat in thee,
- Subject to every moulder's bended knee. *Herbert.*
- To **HANDSEL.** *v. a.* To use or do any thing the first time.
- In timorous deer he *handfels* his young paws,
- And leaves the rugged bear for firmer claws. *Cowley.*
- I'd show you
- How easy 'tis to die, by my example;
- And *handfel* fate before you. *Dryden.*
- HANDSOME.**

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- HANDSOME.** *adj.* [*handfaem*, Dutch, ready, dexterous.]
1. Ready; gainly; convenient.
- For a thief it is so *handsome*, as it may seem it was first invented for him. *Spenser.*
2. Beautiful with dignity; graceful.
- A great man entered by force into a peasant's house, and, finding his wife very *handsome*, turned the good man out of his dwelling. *Addison's Guardian.*
3. Elegant; graceful.
- That calms and *handsome* address in writing, which is hardest to be attained by persons bred in a meaner way, will be familiar to you. *Felton on the Classics.*
4. Ample; liberal: as, a *handsome* fortune.
5. Generous; noble: as, a *handsome* action.
- To **HANDSOME.** *v. a.* [*from the adjective*.] To render elegant or neat.
- Him all repute
- For his device in *handfoming* a suit;
- To judge of lace he hath the best conceit. *Donne.*
- HANDSOMELY.** *adv.* [*from handsome*.]
1. Conveniently; dexterously.
- Under it he may cleanly convey any fit pillage that cometh *handsomely* in his way. *Spenser on Ireland.*
- Where the kind nymph, changing her faultless sliape,
- Becomes unhandfome, *handsomely* to 'scape. *Waller.*
2. Beautifully; gracefully.
- Elegantly; neatly.
- A carpenter, after he hath sawn down a tree, hath wrought it *handsomely*, and made a vessel thereof. *Wisd. xiii. 11.*
3. Liberally; generously.
- I am finding out a convenient place for an almshouse, which I intend to endow very *handsomely* for a dozen superannuated husbandmen. *Addison.*
- HANDSOMENESS.** *n. f.* [*from handsome*.] Beauty; grace; elegance.
- Accompanying her mourning garments with a doleful countenance, yet neither forgetting *handsomeness* in her mourning garments, nor sweetness in her doleful countenance. *Sidney.*
- For *handsomeness* sake, it were good you hang the upper glass upon a nail.
- In cloths, cheap *handsomeness* doth bear the bell. *Herbert.*
- Persons of the fair sex like that *handsomeness* for which they find themselves to be the most liked. *Boyle.*
- HANDVICE.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *vice*.] A vice to hold small work in.
- Moxon's Mech. Exer.*
- HANDWRITING.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *writing*.] A cast or form of writing peculiar to each hand.
- That you beat me at the mart, I have your hand to show;
- If the skin were parchment, and the blows you gave me ink,
- Your own *handwriting* would tell you what I think. *Shak.*
- To no other cause than the wife providence of God can be referred the diversity of *handwritings*. *Cockburn.*
- HANDY.** *adj.* [*from hand*.]
1. Executed or performed by the hand.
- Proudly vaunting, that although they were but few, yet they would easily overthrow the great numbers of them, if ever they came to *handy* blows. *Kneller's Hist. of the Turks.*
- Both parties now were drawn so close,
- Almost to come to *handy* blows. *Hudibras, p. i. cant. 3.*
2. Ready; dexterous; skilful.
- She stript the stalks of all their leaves; the best
- She cull'd, and them with *handy* care she dress'd. *Dryden.*
- The servants wash the platter, scour the plate;
- And each is *handy* in his way. *Dryden.*
3. Convenient.
- The strike-block is a plane flatter than the jointer, and is more *handy* than the long jointer. *Moxon's Mech. Exer.*
- HANDYDANDY.** *n. f.* A play in which children change hands and places.
- See how yond justice rails upon yond simple thief! Hark in thine ear: change places, and, *handydandy*, which is the justice, which is the thief. *Shakel. King Lear.*
- Neither crows and pile, nor ducks and drakes, are quite so ancient as *handdandy*. *Arbutnot and Pope's Mart. Scrib.*
- To **HANG.** *v. a.* preter. and part. pass. *hanged* or *hung*, anciently *hang*. [*hangan*, Saxon.]
1. To suspend; to fasten in such a manner as to be sustained not below, but above.
- Strangely visited people he cures;
- Hanging* a golden stamp about their necks,
- Put on with holy prayers. *Shakel. Macbeth.*
- His great army is utterly ruined, he himself slain in it, and his head and right hand cut off, and *hung* up before Jerusalem. *South's Sermons.*
2. To place without any solid support.
- Thou all things hast of nothing made,
- That *hangs* the solid earth in fleeting air,
- Vein'd with clear springs, which ambient seas repair. *Sandys.*
3. To choke and kill by suspending by the neck, so as that the ligature intercepts the breath and circulation.
- He hath commission from thy wife and me
- To *hang* Cordelia in the prison. *Shakel. King Lear.*

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- Hanging* supposes human soul and reason;
- This animal's below committing treason:
- Shall he be *hang'd*, who never could rebel?
- That's a preferment for Achitophel. *Dryden.*
- Virgil has described *hanging* more happily than Homer. *Brome's Notes on the Odyssey.*
4. To display; to show aloft.
- This unlucky mole mislaid several coxcombs; and, like the *hanging* out of false colours, made some of them converse with Rosalinda in what they thought the spirit of her party. *Addison.*
5. To let fall below the proper situation; to decline.
- There is a wicked man that *hangeth* down his head sadly; but inwardly he is full of deceit. *Ecclesi. xix. 26.*
- The beauties of this place should mourn;
- Th' immortal fruits and flow'rs at my return
- Should *hang* their wither'd head; for sure my breath
- Is now more pois'nous. *Dryden's State of Innocence.*
- The rose is fragrant, but it fades in time;
- The violet sweet, but quickly pass the prime;
- White lilies *hang* their heads, and soon decay;
- And whiter snow in minutes melts away. *Dryden.*
- The cheerful birds no longer sing;
- Each drops his head, and *hangs* his wing. *Prior.*
6. To fix in such a manner as in some directions to be moveable.
- The gates and the chambers they renewed, and *hanged* doors upon them. *1 Mac. iv. 57.*
7. To adorn by hanging upon.
- Hang* be the heav'n's with black, yield day to night! *Sh.*
- The pavement ever foul with human gore;
- Heads and their mangled members *hung* the door. *Dryden.*
8. To furnish with ornaments or draperies fastened to the wall.
- Musick is better in chambers wainfocoted than *hanged*. *Ecc.*
- If e'er my pious father for my sake
- Did grateful off'rings on thy altars make,
- Or I increas'd them with my silvan toils,
- And *hung* thy holy roofs with savage spoils,
- Give me to scatter these. *Dryden's En.*
- Sir Roger has *hung* several parts of his house with the trophies of his labours. *Addison's Spectator.*
- To **HANG.** *v. n.*
1. To be suspended; to be supported above, not below.
- Over it a fair portcullis *hangs*,
- Which to the gate directly did incline,
- With comely compass and compacture strong. *Fairy Queen.*
2. To depend; to fall loosely on the lower part; to dangle.
- A tower full of ashes had a round instrument, which every side *hanged* down. *2 Mac. xiii. 5.*
- Upon her shoulders wings she wears
- Like *hanging* sleeves, lin'd through with ears. *Hudibras.*
- If gaming does an aged fire entice,
- Then my young master swiftly learns the vice,
- And shakes in *hanging* sleeves the little box and dice. *Dry.*
3. To bend forward.
- By *hanging* is only meant a posture of bending forward to strike the enemy. *Addison.*
4. To float; to play.
- And fall these sayings from that gentle tongue,
- Where civil speech and soft persuasion *hang*. *Prior.*
5. To be supported by something raised above the ground.
- Whatever is placed on the head may be said to *hang*; as we call *hanging* gardens such as are planted on the top of the house. *Addison on Italy.*
6. To rest upon by embracing.
- She *hung* about my neck, and kiss on kiss
- She vied. *Shakel. Taming of the Shrew.*
- To-day might I, *hanging* on Hotspur's neck,
- Have talk'd of Monmouth's grave. *Shakel. Henry IV.*
- Faustina is described in the form of a lady sitting upon a bed, and two little infants *hanging* about her neck. *Peaslam.*
7. To hover; to impend.
- With this strange virtue
- He hath a heavenly gift of prophecy;
- And sundry blessings *hang* about his throne,
- That speak him full of grace. *Shakel. Macbeth.*
- Odious names of distinction, which had slept while the dread of popery *hung* over us, were revived. *Atterbury's Sermon.*
8. To be loosely joined.
- Whither go you?
- To see your wife: is she at home?
- Ay, and as idle as the may *hang* together, for want of company. *Shakel. Merry Wives of Windsor.*
9. To drag; to be incommoiously joined.
- In my Lucia's abience
- Life *hangs* upon me, and becomes a burden. *Addison. Cato.*
10. To be compact or united.
- In the common cause we are all of a piece; we *hang* together. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*
- Your device *hangs* very well together; but is it not liable to the same exceptions you made to such explanations as have nothing but the writer's imagination to support them? *Addison.*
11. To adhere.
- A cheerful temper shines out in all her conversation, and dissipates